African Liberation Fronts and al Qaeda: a Most Disastrous Confusion

I have repeatedly illuminated the dangers ensuing from the continuation of the existence of the bogus-Ethiopian tyranny; Tigray dictator Meles Zenawi's involvement in Somalia made the situation even more difficult, as it exposed numerous liberation fronts to the eventuality of a fruitful cooperation with the Islamic Courts of Justice, al Qaeda's most notorious ally in Africa. This is no good news for the West, and the entire world…

This combination of struggles, of oppressed African nations for national independence, and of fanatic Islamists for world leadership, would bring forth the ultimate collapse of the West, transforming Africa into an enormous tinderbox stretched from the Horn of Africa to the Atlas Mountains. The effects would be cataclysmic if compared to the insignificant repercussions of 60 years of Palestinian 'problem' and to the somewhat important consequences of the failed US-led invasion of Iraq.

The Western administrations have no other choice but to satisfy the need for independence, democracy, self-determination, and freedom of numerous African peoples, from the Oromos, the Sidamas, the Afars, and the Ogadenis

of Abyssinia, to the Furs, the Nuers, the Dinkas, the Bejas, and the Nubians of Sudan, and from the Berbers of Kabylia to the Banaadiris of Somalia.

It has to be immediately assessed and ultimately understood that numerous decades of political oppression and economic dispossession of natural resources, in addition to almost two centuries of cultural alienation and colonial education have created an explosive amalgamation of extreme despair and utmost deception; when you have nothing more to lose, you can cooperate –in order to get your national target materialized– with absolutely anyone.

This has not happened so far; the African Liberation movements apparently displayed refrain and reserve of an unparalleled political maturity. The US administration must seize the opportunity as long as it stands. Perpetuating the despair and the deception or pushing African Liberation leaderships to the menacing embrace of al Qaeda can bring only disaster – to the West, not to Africans, as they have already attested disaster; it's nothing new to most of them.

The Game is over: you cannot save Tyrannical bogus-Ethiopia!

In this regard, it is of seminal importance for world diplomats and apprentice mass media representatives to refrain from making the confusion of the utmost catastrophe, namely the equation between the African Liberation fronts and the al Qaeda allies. In reality, the former are numerous and the latter are scarce.

Under terms of true judgment and accurate estimation of the African societies' present conditions, the African liberation fronts have control indeed of vast, oppressed masses, whereas they possess few guns; contrarily to them, the different Islamist groups, which are few, have already established a vast arsenal that they may intend to make available to the former within the context of an Anti-Western alliance.

The situation is at the brink of abyss, with irresponsible UN diplomats and corrupt media representatives having crossed the Rubicon only to weep tremendously on their fallacious assumptions.

I take as example a recent press release issued by the OLF (Oromo Liberation Front) whereby the leading Oromo Liberation organization has denounced categorically the unwise discourses of the UN Monitoring Group on Somalia, which shamelessly associates the OLF with the Islamic Courts Union.

The press release that I publish hereby integrally reports a similarly irresponsible attitude displayed by the Associated Press.

The UN, the African Union, the US, China, the EU and other global players

must realize as soon as possible the reality:

- You cannot save the collapsing, bogus-Ethiopian tyranny; save at least Africa from the clutches of Islamic Terrorism!

UN Monitoring Group on Somalia and the Associated Press; they have it wrong!

In October 2006 the UN Monitoring Group on Somalia reported to the Security Council Committee on Somalia that that the OLF was fighting on the side of the Islamic Courts Union. At the time the OLF rejected this baseless Ethiopian propaganda that turned into UN news stating as a matter of policy the OLF does not interference in neighboring states internal affairs, and that Somalia is no exception. The UN Monitoring Group on Somalia simply copied Ethiopian propaganda without any legitimate substantiation and converted it to "news".

The occupying forces of Ethiopia in Somalia have captured thousands of Ethiopian refugees who lived in Somalia for years, killed many of them, and tortured even more to submission and admission of guilt. These individuals are then used through state owned Ethiopia mass media as evidence of OLF armed presence in Somalia. Because of the track record of the Ethiopian regime, this propaganda should not have been trusted. For example, in a letter dated March 22, 2007, the Human Rights Watch, in its letter to Kenyan Director of Political Affairs, Mr. Thomas Amolo, wrote the following:

"Human Rights Watch fears that many of the detainees will face mistreatment and possibly torture or execution in Ethiopian custody. Human Rights Watch has previously documented that Ethiopian forces routinely engage in torture of criminal, political and military detainees, and in its recent human rights country report on Ethiopia, the US State Department noted that in Ethiopia "There were numerous credible reports that security officials often beat or mistreated detainees. Opposition political parties reported frequent and systematic abuse of their supporters by police and regional militias. . . . in detention centers police often physically abused detainees... Ethiopian security services may suspect some individuals of having connections to Ethiopian insurgency movements, in which case they may face torture or even summary execution if delivered into Ethiopian custody."

The OLF is an Oromo secular political organization rooted inside Oromia, and has no military objectives in any other country than Oromia. It boasts diplomatic presence around the world, including the USA. The OLF abides by international laws and standards, and rejects targeting civilians and terror as a means of achieving its objectives.

In a more recent incident, the Associated Press has attempted to connect an Ethiopian-born U.S. citizen named Sisaye Dinssa, recently convicted of

currency smuggling as an "OLF financier". The said culprit is neither a member of the OLF; neither do we have any record of his financial support to the OLF. We regret that AP sensationalized such news item to the extent of labeling and defaming a legitimate political organization. The OLF channels all its business in North America, financial included, legally, through its bureau in Washington DC. We see no reason to resort to illegal smuggling or use of one.

Note:
In the picture we see that more than half of Abyssinia's territory belongs to the oppressed Oromos who fight for independence and democracy.

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